

REMARKS

The Examiner is requested to approve the accompanying replacement drawing. The change to the drawing is to correct a reference number in Fig. 2.

The specification has been changed to correct a typographical error on page 6. Reference numeral 106 has been changed to 105 to match the reference numeral shown in Fig. 2. The Examiner is requested to approve this change to the specification.

Claims 1 - 15 and 17 - 26 are pending in this application; have been rejected, and are at issue herein. Claim 16 has been canceled. Reconsideration of claims 1-15 and 17-26 and indication of the allowance thereof are respectfully solicited.

The Examiner has objected to claim 3 because a period is missing at the end. Claim 3 has been amended to add a period at the end. This amendment does not change the scope of the claim. The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the objection to claim 3.

The Examiner has objected to claim 16 as being a substantial duplicate of claim 15. Claim 16 has been canceled. The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the double patenting rejection.

Claims 1-26 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Weinberg et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,144,962. Reconsideration of this ground of rejection and allowance of Claims 1-15, 17-26 in view of the following remarks are respectfully solicited.

With respect to claim 1, the Examiner states that Weinberg teaches at col. 2 lines 12-14 that at least one of the nodes represents resources for performing tasks of the organization. The applicants respectfully disagree. Weinberg is directed to a web-site analysis program for facilitating the management and analysis of web sites that utilize hyperlinks. Content objects, are defined as data entities that can be retrieved from a web site. The data entities include items such as HTML documents, GIF files, sound files, video files, etc. Weinberg teaches at col. 2, lines 12-14 that the program of Weinberg gathers information about the content objects of a web site and links of the web site and displays the structural arrangement of content objects and links of the web site on a display screen. Children nodes are placed around and connected to parent nodes.

Claim 1 requires that a node represent resources for performing tasks of an organization. As described in the present specification, the resources include items such as software tests organized by category and displays the tests and categories in a hierarchical structure. When a test or set of tests is selected, a link group is presented. When a link in the link group is activated, the user may open files or execute programs to allow her to view test

documentation, run test programs, install software needed to perform the test(s), e-mail the owner of the test (e.g., the developer) and the like.

Weinberg has been thoroughly reviewed and no teaching or suggestion could be found of presenting a hierarchy of nodes with at least one of the nodes representing resources for performing tasks of the organization; and presenting a link group associated with at least one of the nodes, where the link group comprises one or more links through which to open files or execute programs to access the resources and accomplish at least one of the tasks.

Claims 2-9 depend from claim 1 and are believed to be patentable for the same reasons set forth above for claim 1. Therefore, for the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 1-9.

With respect to independent claim 10, the Examiner refers to the rejection of claim 1 above and figures 2, 5, and 6 of Weinberg. The applicants respectfully disagree. As previously indicated, Weinberg is directed to a web-site analysis program for facilitating the management and analysis of web sites that utilize hyperlinks. Weinberg teaches that the program of Weinberg gathers information about the content objects of a web site and links of the web site and displays the structural arrangement of content objects and links of the web site on a display screen. Children nodes are placed around and connected to parent nodes. The content objects of Weinberg are data entities such as HTML documents, GIF files, sound files, video files, etc. Weinberg teaches that the program of Weinberg gathers information about the content objects of a web site and links of the web site and displays the structural arrangement of content objects and links of the web site on a display. Claim 10 requires that sub-projects into which a project is divided into be displayed as nodes in a graphical hierarchy. No teaching or suggestion of displaying sub-projects in which a project is divided could be found in Weinberg.

Claims 11 to 15 depend from claim 10 and are believed to be patentable for the same reasons set forth above for claim 10. Therefore, for the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 10-15.

With respect to independent claim 17, the Examiner states that Weinberg teaches that each node represent a set of software tests and cites figures 1-5 and Table 2. The applicants respectfully disagree. Figures 1 to 5 of Weinberg are graphical representations that were derived from the actual Web site of Mercury Interactive, Inc. at www.merc-int.com. Mercury Interactive is a supplier of business technology optimization for information technology (IT) governance, application delivery and application management to maximize the business value of IT, manage risk and compliance, and control costs. The Examiner is directed to col. 8 lines 40-42 where Weinberg teaches that each node of the map represents a content object of

the web site. The applicants respectfully submit that each content object of the Mercury Interactive website does not represent a set of software tests. Furthermore, the Examiner is directed to col. 17 line 54 to col. 18 line 54 where Weinberg teaches that the software architecture communicates with software plug-ins via a plug-in API. The plug-ins are listed in Table 2 and each plug-in perform functions for the user. As can be seen in Table 2, not all the plug-ins are software tests. For example, the function of the Link Doctor plug-in is to fix broken links, the function of the Action Tracker plug-in is to generate web site activity data, and the Search Meter plug-in displays search engine results visually. These functions are clearly not sets of software tests. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that Weinberg does not teach or suggest all of the elements of claim 17.

Claims 18-20 are believed to be patentable for the same reasons set forth above for claim 17. Therefore, for the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 17-20 for the reasons set forth above.

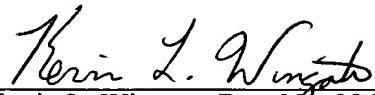
With respect to claim 21, the Examiner states that this claim is a system claim of method claims 1 and 13 and is rejected for the same reasons as claims 1 and 13. Claim 21 is believed to be patentable for the reasons set forth above with respect to claims 1 and 13. Furthermore, Weinberg has been reviewed and no teaching or suggestion could be found of displaying resources into categories in a hierarchy and displaying a group of links associated with a category when a user selects a category. Therefore, in view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claim 21.

With respect to claim 22, the Examiner states that this claim is a system claim of method claims 10 and 14 and is rejected for the same reasons as claims 10 and 14. Claims 22 is believed to be patentable for the reasons set forth above with respect to claims 10 and 14. Claims 23 to 26 depend from claim 22 and are believed to be patentable for the same reasons set forth above for claim 22. Therefore, in view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 22-26.

The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

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